

DRAFT AGENDA

**“Supporting Green Transition through
Circular Economy Roadmaps” project**



Stakeholders' meeting Albania

1-2 March 2023
Tirana, Albania



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Since 2000, the [OECD South East Europe Regional Programme](#) has been closely collaborating with economies of the region to foster growth, investment and employment through reforms that support competitiveness and private sector development. The programme addresses regional and national needs, capacities and reform priorities while translating OECD standards and best practices into actionable advice for South East European (SEE) economies (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo* Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia) and Türkiye.

■ “Supporting Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps” project

In October 2022, the OECD South East Europe Regional Programme launched a new action to support competitiveness and sustainability in the Western Balkans and Türkiye, financed by the European Commission. This 4-year project aims to reinforce economic governance and integration, while strengthening resilient and competitive markets, in line with the EU enlargement strategy, the Economic and Investment Plan, and the Green and Digital Agendas for the Western Balkans. Under the third pillar of this action the OECD will support the “Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps”.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on Kosovo’s declaration of independence.

Building on the *greening* work carried out as part of the OECD’s flagship assessments of the Western Balkans, the [Competitiveness Outlook](#) and the [SME Policy Index](#), as well as drawing upon the OECD’s circular economy roadmap methodology, the OECD SEE Regional Programme will provide support towards the preparation and implementation of circular economy roadmaps.

For Albania, one of the two economies that has not yet developed a circular economy roadmap, the OECD will provide support for its design so that it serve as a blueprint for the circular economy transition and can be fed into circular economy strategies and/or complement various strategies and policies.

The OECD assistance will also revolve around supporting implementation on certain themes within circular economy across the region, through provision of expertise, regional knowledge exchange and OECD and EU good practice transfers. This support will be delivered in different formats, such as workshops, capacity building sessions, or other peer-learning exercises, that would best fit the specific objective and optimise knowledge-sharing.

■ Objective

The objective of these meetings will be to kick start the circular economy roadmap design process and begin the discussions with all stakeholders relevant to circular economy in Albania. To this end, the OECD team will meet with representatives from the government, the private sector, civil society, and academia.

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WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023

15:00 – 18:00

15:00 – 15:45 MEETING WITH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY

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- **Mr. Stefano Salmaso**, Head of the Economic Office, Embassy of Italy to Albania
- **OECD Team**

16:00 – 17:00 MEETING WITH THE EU DELEGATION

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- **Mr. Andrea Marco Vera**, Head of Section on Sustainable Economic and Social Development, Delegation of the European Union to Albania
- **Mr. Edvin Pacara**, Programme Officer, Environment and Climate Change, Delegation of the European Union to Albania
- **OECD Team**

17:00 – 18:00 MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL IOs OFFICES

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- **Ms. Monica Merino**, UNDP Resident Representative to Albania
- **Ms. Elvita Kabashi**, Programme Officer for Environment and Climate Change, UNDP
- **Ms. Tina Koenig**, Integrated Waste Management and Marine Litter Prevention in the Western Balkans, GIZ
- **OECD Team**

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2023

09:00 – 12:30

08:45 – 09:00 WELCOME COFFEE

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09:00 – 09:15 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- **Mr. Sofjan Jaupaj**, Director General for Economic Affairs and Support Services, Circular Economy Co-ordinator for Albania, Ministry of Tourism and Environment

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- **Ms. Anita Richter**, Deputy Head, OECD South East Europe Division

09:15 – 09:45 **PRESENTATION OF THE NEW CIRCULAR ECONOMY PROJECT**

The OECD will present the main features of the project, key steps in developing the circular economy roadmap of Albania and share the overview of circular economy landscape in Albania.

- **Ms. Jovana Pavlovic Djukic**, Team Lead – Green Economy and Sustainability, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Clémence Girin**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division

09:45 – 10:30 **TOUR-DE-TABLE, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The members of the Government will be invited to share the ongoing work related to circular economy in Albania and their views and priorities regarding the circular economy transition in Albania. The aim of the discussion will also be to agree on the project coordination and milestones.

- **Mr. Sofjan Jaupaj**, Director General for Economic Affairs and Support Services, Circular Economy Co-ordinator for Albania, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- **Ms. Elvana Ramaj**, Director in Charge, Directorate of Circular Economy, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- **Ms. Artenida Duraku**, Director of Department of Integration, Co-ordination, Agreement and Assistance, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- **Ms. Elira Demiraj**, General Director, Directorate of Economic and Employment Development Policies, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Eralda Shtylla**, Chief of Unit, Business Development Sector, Department of Economic Development Policies, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Sara Zotaj**, Head of Investments, Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA)
- **Ms. Edit Duro**, Head of Co-operation, Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA)

11:00 – 12:30 **MEETING WITH NON-GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS (Private Sector Representatives, Academia, NGOs)**

- **OECD presentation of the South East Europe Programme and the new circular economy project**
- **Questions and answers**
- Private Sector:
 - **Mr. Arben Shkodra**, Albanian Manufacturers Union
 - **Mr. Drini Zusi**, AZ Group Shpk
- Academia:
 - **Mr. Mevis Struga**, Founder, Environmental & Territorial Management Institute
- NGOs:
 - **Mr. Lulzim Baumann**, Head of Office, Circular Economy Club Tirana
 - **Ms. Marina Zela**, Circular Economy Club, Tirana
 - **Ms. Francesca Korance**, Build Green Group
 - **Mr. Arion Sauku**, Project Manager, Milieukontakt

